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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 016800-473

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)

Bruno MEHUL *et al.*)

Application No.: 10/031,403)

Filed: July 24, 2002)

For: ISOLATED PEPTIDE OF THE HORNY)
LAYER AND USE THEREOF)

Group Art Unit: 1653

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTERCommissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.☒ Also enclosed is/are Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter; Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449 w/2 references; Paper and CRF (diskette) copies of the Sequence Listing and Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.

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- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	31	MINUS 32 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 5 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					0.00

☐ A total fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

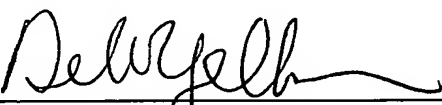
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in complete response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2003 (Paper No. 13). A one-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response until October 6, 2003 (October 5, 2003 was a Sunday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: